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Per our 19 October telephone conversation, attached is my suggested re-draft of the proposed joint State-Defense-CIA message on Phung Hoang.

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JOINT STATE-DEFENSE-CIA MESSAGE

SUBJECT: Vietnamization of Phung Hoang Program

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1. We have noted reftel's summary analysis of problems of Phung Hoang program and recommendations for turning it over to National Police Command.
2. We presume that Phung Hoang organization and structure as such would gradually disappear, that National Police Command would assume overall program responsibility, with Special Branch collating intelligence and maintaining dossiers on VCI, and with positive action responsibilities assigned to PRU, NPFF and other elements as required. This would appear to be in consonance with recommendations of Report.
3. Request confirmation of foregoing. We would appreciate receiving as soon as possible copy of full MACCORDS study of Phung Hoang program summarized reftel.

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